

Dear Interested Party,

This letter is to inform you that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hanging Lake Area Management Plan located on the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District, Garfield County, Colorado is complete and I have drafted my decision. The EA, Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact may be viewed online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50479>.

The selected alternative included in the Draft Decision Notice would meet the project's purpose and need of protecting and preserving the unique and fragile natural resources at the Hanging Lake area, while sustaining a high-quality visitor experience and the related socio-economic benefits to adjacent communities.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5 (a).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Vail Daily. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. Please refer to the section titled "Administrative Review and Objection Opportunity" located in the Draft Decision Notice for complete instructions on the objection process.

If no objections are filed, I plan to issue a Final Decision Notice at which time implementation of the project may begin.

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Thank you for your interest in your national forest.